



**MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.A. Vaughan et al. Attorney Docket No.: EXIN117646
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2005, applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. Initially, applicants wish to express their appreciation for the courtesy shown by Primary Examiner Firmn Backer to applicants' undersigned agent during a telephone interview on April 26, 2006, to discuss the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections cited in the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005.

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